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SUBJ: DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER'S VIEWS ON EC RESPONSE TO  
US INITIATIVE

SUMMARY: DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER BELIEVES THERE HAS BEEN  
SOME CHANGE IN FRENCH ATTITUDE WHICH MIGHT PERMIT FONMINS  
OF NINE TO REACH AGREEMENT SEPT 10 ON RESPONSE TO US INITIATIVE  
AND THUS SMOOTH PATH FOR PRESIDENT'S VISIT. END SUMMARY.

1. AT PRIME MINISTER'S RECEPTION FOR DIPLOMATIC CORPS AUG 28,  
FOREIGN MINISTER K.B. ANDERSEN TOLD ME PRIVATELY THAT HE  
WAS NOW RELATIVELY OPTIMISTIC THAT EC FOREIGN MINISTERS  
WOULD BE ABLE TO WORK OUT AN ACCEPTABLE RESPONSE TO THE  
US INITIATIVE WHEN THEY MET IN COPENHAGEN SEPT 10. HE  
BASED THIS FEELING LARGELY ON THE RESULTS OF POLITICAL DI-  
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RECTOR OLDENBURG'S SOUNDINGS IN PARIS AUG 24. OLDENBURG

HAD FOUND FRENCH MORE FORTHCOMING THAN EXPECTED AND HAD BEEN TOLD THAT THEY DID NOT WISH TO BLOCK ENTIRE PROJECT OF EUROPEAN-AMERICAN COOPERATION.

2. ANDERSEN SAID THAT BOTH OLDENBURG AND HE DEDUCTED FROM THIS THAT FRENCH WOULD NOT PLAY A DOG-IN-THE-MANAGER ROLE SEPT 10 ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT EXPECT THEY WOULD BE EASY TO DEAL WITH. HE REGRETTED THAT FONMIN JOBERT WOULD NOT BE AT THE COPENHAGEN MEETING, ALTHOUGH HE KNEW THAT DE LIP-KOWSKI WOULD MAKE A SKILLFUL PRESENTATION OF FRENCH VIEWS.

3. ANDERSEN SAID THAT HE HAD TALKED TO CABINET THE MORNING OF AUG 28 ALONG THESE LINES AND HAD ALSO CHATTED BRIEFLY WITH THE PRESS AFTER THE CABINET. IN ALL HIS CONTACTS HE WAS STRESSING THAT THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO PREPARE THE WAY FOR PRESIDENT NIXON'S VISIT TO EUROPE. IN HIS VIEW THERE WAS NO QUESTION BUT THAT THE PRESIDENT SHOULD COME, ALTHOUGH HE REALIZED THAT THE MODALITIES WOULD REQUIRE SOME WORKING OUT. HE HIMSELF HAD NO SET POSITIONS, BEYOND BELIEVING THAT THE PRESIDENT SHOULD DISCUSS ECONOMIC MATTERS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE NINE AND POLITICAL MATTERS IN THE NATO FORUM. THIS WAS NOT IDEAL BUT IT SEEMED AT PRESENT THE ONLY PRACTICAL WAY. NEWSMEN HAD ASKED HIM, HE SAID, WHETHER THE PRESIDENT WOULD BE COMING TO COPENHAGEN SINCE THE DANES WERE AT PRESENT CHAIRING THE EC COUNCIL. ANDERSEN SAID HE HAD REPLIED THAT HE SAW NO REAL NEED FOR A VISIT HERE AND HE WOULD CERTAINLY NOT WANT TO SUBJECT THE PRESIDENT TO THE "JULY 23RD TREATMENT" (WHEN THE MINISTERS MET POLITICALLY IN COPENHAGEN IN THE MORNING AND ECONOMICALLY IN BRUSSELS IN THE AFTERNOON). HE FORESAW THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD PROBABLY WISH TO VISIT LONDON, PARIS, BONN AND BRUSSELS, AND THESE SEEMED APPROPRIATE TO HIM.

4. COMMENT: K.B. ANDERSEN IS KNOWN AS AN OPTIMIST SO IT IS DIFFICULT TO EVALUATE HIS "FEELING" THAT THE FRENCH WILL COOPERATE WITH THE OTHERS IN REACHING AN AGREEMENT WHICH WILL MAKE A VISIT BY THE PRESIDENT USEFUL. IT APPEARS, HOWEVER, THAT ANDERSEN AS CHARMAN WILL DO WHAT HE CAN TO BRING ABOUT ENOUGH AGREEMENT AT THE SEPT 10 MEETING TO PERMIT THE NINE TO ANNOUNCE AN AGREED POSITION.  
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